tion of the following ITDC properties: (i) Ashok Hotel, New Delhi (ii) Hotel Samrat, New Delhi (iii) Ashok Yatri Niwas, New Delhi (iv) Hotel Kanishka New Delhi (v) Hotel Jaipur Ashok (vi) Hotel Airport Ashok, Calcutta (vii) Hotel Ashok Bangalore (viii) Hotel Varanasi Ashok (ix) Hotel Patliputra Ashok, Patna (x) Hotel Jammu Ashok (xi) Hotel Janpath New Delhi and (xii) Hotel Aurangabad Ashok.

Seizure of hashish in South Delhi

850. SHRI J.P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that about a tonne of hashish has been seized from a farm house at Mehrauli in South Delhi in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what is its international market price;

(d) whether any persons have been apprehended in this connection; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI:) (a) and (b) On 12-7-1986 the officers of the Preventive Collectorate, West Bengal intercepted a lorry carrying machinery items from Delhi to Calcutta meant for export to U.K. and Saudi Arabia. Examination of the consignment resulted in the recovery and seizure of 767 kg. of hashish concealed in various machinery items. The interrogation of the driver and subsequent search of a farm house at Gadaipur Village, Delhi by officers of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence led to the recovery of 976 kg. of hashish packed in 1 kg. packages beneath the flooring in one of the out-houses. Subsequently, 365 kg. of hashish were furher recovered from 'power presses' packed in wooden crates lying in the farm house and were seized.

(c) No precise value of the drug seized can be furnished, as the illicit market price varies widely from place to place and from time to time, depending upon the purity of the drug, local demand and supply position, place of origin, etc.

(d) and (e) Three persons in Calcutta and two persons in Delhi including the owner of the truck and the Transport Manager of the company, which had arranged the transportation of the machinery containing the hashish have been arrested.

Violation of FERA provisions by Companies

851. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of companies/company executive charged with violation of Foreign Exchange Regulations Act during the last three years, year-wise:

(b) what are the particulars of such companies/company executives;

(c) whether any study has been made to find out the reasons for the increasing tendency of violation of FERA provisions by companies/company executives; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what action has been taken against the companies/company executives booked for viclation of FERA provisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.